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If science can evolve a stingless bee, why not a touchless cat?

Take your choice, hubby, when the parlor rug comes out. Beat it or beat it.

"Skirts will be worn tighter than ever," says a fashion expert. How can they?

"Woman Goes Over Niagara Falls on Pleasure Trip," says a headline. How enjoyable?

Do you think that the man who is always telling how to manage a woman ever tried it?

If Friedman's vaccine shall be established, the turtle will take its place alongside the cow.

What an awful calamity it would be if the leading baseball players should contract writer's cramp!

Long silence by a man at a telephone may not indicate wire trouble. Maybe his wife's at the other end.

Twenty-three hundred love letters were found among the effects of an Australian bachelor. Evidently he either had to die or marry to stop them.

Some men would like to have a job picking the blossoms off a century plant at \$10,000 a year. If they couldn't get the job of boiler inspector.

In payment of an election bet a man is to lead a donkey from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore. His companion in the "bike" is singularly well chosen.

Announcement that pythons have increased in price five dollars a foot need cause no uneasiness, as a very small helping would be enough for anybody.

Utah evidently wants to increase its population with its reward to mothers of ten dollars for the first child, and seven dollars for each additional consumer.

With a buffalo on the new nickel, don't feel called upon to shrink bustling for the coin. The "bump" is on your side of the fence just as much as it ever was.

The pursuit of ferocious African animals is urged as a distraction for brain fag. Looking a large lion in the eye is well calculated to dislodge all other thoughts.

A New York patriot has issued a pamphlet that we should speak American, a greater name for the greatest language. What's the matter with talking United States?

A hobo is reported to demand of Los Angeles jailors that he be permitted to take four baths a day. Possibly he is working for a permanent berth in an insane asylum.

The new nickel has evoked much unfriendly criticism, yet the coin might have been a great deal worse. Suppose some cubist had been allowed to furnish the design for it.

One pleasant thing about a cold is the large variety of delightful cures it brings to one's attention, and the patient can generally try them all before the cold gets tired and quits.

The common notion that talk is cheap will have to give way before the figures of the Bell telephone system, which announce gross receipts of \$199,200,000 for a single year.

An eastern divine remarks that the world is growing better day by day. How about the nights?

It is quite indicative that when a girl speaks of her corsaire that her father makes at least \$5,000 per annum, and also when she speaks of her Parisienne corsaire, daddy has got another raise.

The complaint of the New York lady that on an income of \$18,000 a year she had to help in the housework is expected to arouse sympathy and commiseration only among the "Little Brothers of the Rich."

The cartoonists these days are wielding the pencil to portray spring buds. About the best spring buds in the minds of women, however, are those seen in the millinery departments marked \$49.98.

Here and there you will see a resourceful young man wearing one of those green hats and trying to escape, avoid, or minimize the deep damnation thereof by having the bow shifted from the back to the side.

In the case of the Arkansas man whose skull was trepanned with a hammer and bolt, it is a case of a plugged dollar being a good one.

Consideration for nerves of others should be felt by the Prince of Wales when he begins those lessons on the bagpipe to strengthen his lungs.

The countless D'Lasteyrics has bagged fourteen goats shooting with her left hand. Not so remarkable when it is considered that some people get goats hands down.

BOY OF 16 ADMITS HE IS SLAYER OF 3

ELGIN FARM MURDERS CLEARED BY CONFESSION OF PAROLED DELINQUENT.

"JUST BLOOD LUST," HE SAYS

Shot Mother Three Times After She Fled From Kitchen—Struck Down Babies With Axe and Hid Them in Cistern.

Elgin, Ill.—Herman Coppes, 16 years old, confessed that he was the slayer of Mrs. Hanny Sleep and her two small children, whose bodies were found in a cistern under the kitchen of the Sleep farm, five miles west of Elgin.

Coppes says the killing resulted from Mrs. Sleep saying she "would see about it," when he had refused in ill humor to do one of his accustomed chores after school.

"No, it has not bothered me at all," Coppes replied when questioned as to whether the killing had interfered with his taking his media at the kitchen table, which is 2 feet above the cistern, where the bodies lay for a week. "I don't know why I killed Mrs. Sleep and the children unless it was just blood lust."

Coppes' Story of the Murders.

Lack of sleep after being arrested appeared to be the cause of Coppes' inclination to confess. At first he only admitted writing the letter which was found with Mrs. Sleep's body, and which purported to tell of her intention to commit suicide after she had made way with her two children.

"Oh, Herman, Herman, why did you do it?" Mrs. Sleep screamed when she had been shot twice and had run from the kitchen into the next room. Coppes said as soon as he began to talk freely. "Then I shot her three times more and threw her into the cistern."

Orville, 3 years old, and Sarah, 2 years old, who had been standing in the kitchen eating bread and butter, started to cry, and I stepped out and got the axe and hit them both on the head. When the bodies were all in the cistern, I went and did my regular evening work."

Dr. H. J. Gahagan made an examination of Coppes and said that the youth was unquestionably subnormal. Later the prisoner was photographed and during the process displayed peculiar levity.

Ray Pfanschmidt to Hang.

Quincy, Ill.—Ray Pfanschmidt was found guilty of the murder of his mother, father, sister and Miss Emma Kaempfen by a jury and as a penalty for his crime he must die. While technically Ray Pfanschmidt was found guilty of the murder of his sister, Blanch Pfanschmidt, in reality he was found guilty of the killing of all four persons found murdered on the Pfanschmidt farm last September.

Jackies to Cruise to Europe.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels announced that next winter practically the entire Atlantic fleet would be sent on a three months' cruise to the Mediterranean. This will be the new secretary's first step in pursuance of his policy to make the navy, in times of peace, a great educational force for the enlisted men.

Message From Col. Astor.

Boston.—An echo of the wreck of the Titanic was furnished by Capt. Willis of the British tramp steamer Longport, which arrived from French ports. He says he has in his possession a message which Col. John Jacob Astor wrote before he went down to death off the Grand Banks.

Prairie Fires Raging.

Brainerd, Minn.—Brush and grass fires are raging at Osage, in the north end of Crow Wing county. Other fires are sweeping about Long Lake township, to the south of Brainerd. Heavy winds prevail.

King George Dislikes Soapshots.

London.—King George doesn't share the German crown prince's taste for snapshot pictures. He has caused it to be known several times that he objects to the sort of photographs published and also to being snapped indiscriminately.

New Ambassador Arrives.

New York.—Dr. Constantin Theodore Dumba, Austria-Hungary's new ambassador to the United States, arrived here from Europe. He proceeded to Washington, where he will present his credentials to President Wilson.

Missing Girl Returns.

Flora, Ind.—Miss Mabel Glasscock, the Indiana university student who has been missing for a week from Indianapolis, has returned to her home. She was taken sick and had gone to a friend's home.

Inventor's Estate Small.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The estate of the late Prof. Thaddeus S. C. Lowe, soldier, scientist and inventor, and once many times a millionaire, has been appraised at \$263 in filing his will for probate.

PRESIDENT WILSON AS A BASEBALL FAN



President Wilson throwing out the ball to start the game between the Washington and New York teams of the American league. The picture also shows Vice-President Marshall and some of the members of the president's Cabinet.

KING ALFONSO ESCAPES 7 KILLED IN HOTEL FIRE

DIGS SPURS INTO HORSE AS ANARCHIST SHOOTS.

First Bullet Strikes Equine's Neck. Powder Blackening King's Glove—Assailant is Captured.

Madrid, Spain.—For the third time in his reign King Alfonso narrowly escaped death, being the victim of an anarchist attempt against his life. Three shots were fired at the king by a native of Barcelona, Rafael Sanchez Allegro, who was immediately overpowered.

King Alfonso cures his escape to his own courage, quickness and skilled horsemanship. Accompanied by his staff, he was riding along the Calle de Alcalá, returning from the ceremony of swearing in recruits, when a man sprang from the sidewalk and seized the bridle of the king's horse with one hand, drawing a revolver with the other.

The king with lightning rapidity dug his spurs into his horse, which reared violently. His quickness saved his life. The first bullet, instead of burying itself in the king's breast, struck the horse on the neck, but so close was it that the king's left hand glove was blackened by the powder discharge.

Before the assailant was able to pull the trigger again a secret service man sprang upon him. The two men fell to the ground struggling. The assassin managed to free his revolver arm and fired two more shots, but the officer knocked his arm aside and the bullets flew harmlessly into the air.

FLIGHT OVER OCEAN HALTED

Gas Escapes and Brucker Sends to Germany for More—Engineer Protests Against the Voyage.

Las Palmas, Canary Islands.—Joseph Brucker, formerly of Milwaukee, failed to start as scheduled on his proposed transatlantic flight to the West Indies in the dirigible balloon, Suchard II.

Just as all preparations had been completed for the flight at daybreak, the gas escaped through the chief valve and envelope suddenly became deflated. Urgent telegrams were sent to Germany for a further supply of gas.

Engineer Kruger, who has been engaged to navigate the dirigible, at the last moment protested about undertaking the hazardous voyage and the promoters of the flight took out \$50,000 insurance in his behalf.

Woman Would Burn Depot.

Lanville, Ill.—Charged with having threatened to burn the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern station at O'Fallon, unless the agent there promoted her husband to the position of section foreman, Mrs. Ernestine Phelps of O'Fallon was sent to jail under \$5,000 bond.

Belgian Strike Unchanged.

Brussels, Belgium.—The general strike for manhood suffrage is stationary. In some places work has been resumed, but this is balanced about evenly by additions to the strikers' forces.

Wilson Heads Boy Scouts.

Washington.—As a mark of appreciation for the work of the boy scouts in acting as guides at the inaugural March 4, President Wilson accepted the honorary presidency of the Boy Scouts of America.

HERO PERISHED AFTER SAVING SEVERAL GUESTS.

A Number of Bodies Taken From Ruins, Several Identified—Fire Followed an Explosion.

Malone, N. Y.—Seven persons are known to have perished, several are missing and five were injured seriously in a fire which destroyed the Hotel de Wilson here.

Albert Hobbeson was the hero of the fire. He rushed through the halls of the hotel, rousing the sleeping guests, and then was caught in the flames and perished.

A body supposed to be that of John Moss of Albany was taken from the ruins. The body was burned beyond recognition. The body of George Timmons of Pierrefield, who was numbered among the missing earlier in the day, was also recovered. It was evident that Timmons and Moss had been trapped in their rooms by the flames and were carried to their death when the floors collapsed. A careful search is being made of the ruins, as several of the 20 guests in the hotel have not yet been accounted for.

SUIT INVOLVES WILDE TRIALS

Case of Lord Douglas Against Writer Threatens to Rehearse Horrors of Trial 18 Years Ago.

London, England.—The libel action brought by Lord Alfred Douglas, brother of the Marquis of Queensberry, against Arthur Ransome, writer and Times Book Club publisher, which began in the law courts here, threatens London with a rehearsal of the horrors of the Oscar Wilde trials of 18 years ago.

The present case, in which all the literary stars will be called, is expected to last a fortnight, unless the jury stops it.

Lord Alfred's charge is that Mr. Ransome in his book, "Oscar Wilde, a Critical Study," accused him as the man to whom Wilde felt that he owed some of the circumstances of the disgrace and who had left Wilde as soon as the latter had no money, and whose treatment of Wilde was the most bitter experience in a bitter life.

GUILTY OF MURDERING SON

Father, Causing Death of Boy Under Cars, Says He Made Agreement for Both to End Lives.

Seattle, Wash.—C. N. Johnson, a stationary engineer, was found guilty of murder in the first degree for causing the death of his 6-year-old child by standing with the boy in his arms in front of a speeding train. Dec. 3, 1912.

Johnson, on the witness stand, told of making a death agreement with his little son, after Johnson and his wife had quarreled.

\$1,000,000 in Locked Safe.

Kansas City, Mo.—The big safe at the First National bank cannot be opened, and six safe experts are at work on it. There is \$1,000,000 in the vault. The combination works, but the bolts will not draw back.

Earthquake in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn.—According to reports reaching here from other sections of east Tennessee, a severe earthquake shock was experienced. No lives were reported lost.

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THREE TIME CANDIDATE ELECTED AS PRESIDENT.

Deadlock is Broken When Mrs. Bryan of Tennessee Announced Her Withdrawal From Race.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. William Cumming Story of New York City, three a candidate for the presidency general of the daughters of the American Revolution, was elected to that office. Mrs. Story's majority was 151. She received exactly 600 votes to 445 for Mrs. Horton.

All day the battle of the ballots proceeded. In the auditorium of Continental hall the literary and musical program which was supposed to keep the minds of the partisans off worrisome of the election, was neglected. The excitement centered in the lobby, where the leaders of the two factions met the incoming voters and told them what to do and how to do it.

At the opening of the day's session, and before the polls were opened, Mrs. Charles Bailey Bryan of Tennessee announced that she had withdrawn from further consideration for leadership. She did not state that she withdrew in favor of either of the other candidates, but it was an open secret that a majority of her supporters favored the New York City candidate.

J. P. MORGAN IS CHIEF HEIR

Widow Gets Income From \$1,000,000 and Use of Homes—Employees and Valet \$15,000 Each.

New York.—J. P. Morgan is made his father's chief heir, succeeding as residuary legatee to the bulk of the fortune of the financier under his will.

To Mrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, the widow, is left the income of \$3,000,000 for life, the principal on her death to revert to the estate. In addition, Mrs. Morgan also gets the use for life of the Morgan residence at 115 Madison avenue as well as the country place at Highland Falls, N. Y.

To Miss Anne Morgan, a similar monetary bequest of \$2,000,000 is made. Should she marry and leave children, it is provided that the principal on her death shall revert to the children. But should she die unmarried or childless the full amount of the principal, it is provided, shall revert to the residuary estate. Under no conditions would it be possible under the will for Miss Morgan's husband to inherit the money.

Two employees of Morgan, Miss Belle Da Costa Greene and Mrs. Ada Thurston, received \$15,000 each.

WILSON MEETS REPUBLICANS

Discusses Patronage Matters With Eight Senators—Objections by Opposition to Be Heard.

Washington, D. C.—Eight senators called on the president to discuss patronage matters. They were Senators James and Bradley of Kentucky, Warren and Clark of Wyoming, Penrose and Oliver of Pennsylvania, and Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa.

All were sent for by the president, who has decided that the senators of each state shall be consulted before he makes appointments. Whether members of his own or the opposition party the president believes it only courteous that the senators should have the opportunity to say whether they know of any good reason why a prospective appointee should not be selected.

"ROOTING" NOT LOUD NOISE

Western City Attorney Rules Baseball Park Would Not Injure Hospital in Vicinity.

San Francisco, Cal.—Baseball "rooting" may not legally be classed among "loud and unnecessary noises." Such in effect is the ruling announced of the city attorney on the protest of a local hospital against the proposed location of a new Coast league ball park in the vicinity of the institution.

An ordinance designed to protect hospitals was cited, but the city attorney held that it referred only to street noises incident to traffic.

Banker Guilty of Conspiracy.

Bellingham, Wash.—Jacob Furth, millionaire Seattle banker, was found guilty of conspiracy in connection with the insolvency of the Schriker bank of Lacouer, Wash. Furth was accused of having conspired with Schriker to accept deposits when they knew the bank was insolvent.

Smallpox in Rock Island Schools. Rock Island, Ill.—Two public school buildings were ordered closed when one of the pupils was found suffering from smallpox. A number of cases are scattered over the city.

Calgary Has \$300,000 Fire.

Calgary.—Fire which broke out in the McLeod clothing store destroyed the building and contents and spread to the plant of the Alberta, a newspaper, wrecking the plant. The loss is \$300,000.

Kills Self in Church Yard.

Bloomington, Ill.—Cecl Lay, a young farmer of Vernon, Ind., went into a churchyard at Greenview and killed himself by swallowing carbolic acid. He was said to be despondent over ill health.

NEWS of MISSOURI

LAWYERS PREY ON CONVICTS.

Relatives of Prisoners Victims of Parole Brokerage System.

Jefferson City.—That there are many lawyers and others in Missouri who make the big end of their living by preying upon convicts in the state penitentiary and upon their wives and relatives, was the assertion of "Jack" Blanton, member of the board of pardons and paroles.

He says these men go to the convicts themselves or to their families and hold out the claim that they can immediately procure their release if enough money can be raised, with which to prepare the application and defray the expenses.

There are now on file over 1,000 applications for paroles or pardons and more are pouring in every day. This is nearly half of the total number of inmates of the penitentiary.

TO BE NO EXTRA SESSION.

Major Deems Present Law Ample for Popular Election of Senators.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major stated that it would not be necessary to call an extra session of the legislature to make the statutes of this state conform to the new amendment to the constitution of the United States under which members of the United States senate will be elected by a direct vote of the people.

The fact that this amendment makes the office of the United States senator elective will bring the nomination under the state primary law, and until this law is changed United States senators from Missouri will be nominated at the August primary and elected at the general elections, just as state officers are nominated and elected.

Fruit Crop to Be Large.

Fulton.—The state department of agriculture announces that the favorable weather has been the means of saving the fruit crop from injury. Virtually no damage has been done to the fruit buds. No section of the state has reported any damage to the peach buds, and these are the best buds of any fruit that grows in this section. W. H. Chandler, assistant professor of horticulture at the University of Missouri, says 60 per cent of the buds ordinarily are killed by this time, but this year only 2 per cent have been destroyed. Even zero weather, following the present warm weather, would not kill enough of the buds to make a full crop impossible, he says.

State Spelling Bee May 12.

Jefferson City.—The annual state spelling match in which one representative from each of the counties, seven from St. Louis, three from Kansas City and one each from Springfield, Joplin and St. Joseph may participate, will be held in Jefferson City on May 12. This is during the annual convention of county superintendents. No pupils above the eighth grade may compete. The first annual spelling bee was held last year. More than three-fourths of the counties had representatives in the contest.

Girl is Champion Speller.

Jefferson City.—Miss Irma Craig of Osage public schools won the spelling championship of Cole county in the annual spelling match held under supervision of J. H. Lunsden, county superintendent. She will represent this county in the state spelling bee to be held under the direction of the state department of education and the county superintendents during their annual meeting here in May.

Burglars Get Quick Justice.

Union.—Sheriff Cardwell took four prisoners to the penitentiary. They are Floyd Taylor, who got a life sentence for helping to kill an unidentified man in Pacific in August, 1910; H. J. Brown, 26 years for attacking a 13-year-old girl; Fred Taylor, 10 years, and Frank Herringer, five years for burglary. The last two were caught, pleaded guilty and sentenced within 48 hours.

Major Names Delegates.

Jefferson City.—Gov. Major appointed the following as delegates to the Southern Conference of Women and Child Labor to be held at Meridian, Miss., April 28. Mrs. Henrietta Gosgrove of Joplin, John T. Smith of Kansas City, Mrs. William Mueller and J. H. Hemis of St. Louis.

Missourians Will Visit Germany.

Springfield.—A party of 31 Germans was organized at Springfield to go on a three months' tour of Europe, leaving Springfield May 25. It will be purely a pleasure trip.

Boonville Telephone to Join Bell.

Boonville.—The Boonville telephone has purchased all the Bell Telephone company's interest in this city and Cooper county for \$23,000. The two systems will be consolidated.

Doctor Charged With Bootlegging.

Columbia.—Dr. Geo. Chambers was arraigned in court charged with violating the local option law in writing illegal prescriptions calling for liquor. His trial was set for the June term of court.

She Attacks Pound for Cow.

Poplar Bluff.—Mrs. Laura Garnett, who found her cow in the city pound and refused to pay the \$2 fee for its release, attempted to free the animal. She was arrested and fined \$9.75 in police court.